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**English 3800.002: Medieval English Literature**  
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**Texts:** *Beowulf* (Heaney, trans.)  
Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales*  
Julian of Norwich, *Revelations of Divine Love* (Wolters, trans.)  
*The Book of Margery Kempe* (Windeatt, trans.)  
*The Lais of Marie de France* (Hanning and Ferrante, trans.)  
William Langland, *Piers Plowman* (Schmidt, ed.)  
Thomas Malory, *Complete Works* (Vinaver, ed.)  
*Medieval English Lyrics, 1200-1400* (Duncan, ed.)  
*Middle English Romances* (Shepherd, ed.)  
*The Complete Works of the Pearl Poet* (Finch, trans.; Andrew and Waldron, eds.)

**Schedule of Readings and Assignments**

- August 23: **Old English**  
A Caedmon=s Hymn, @ A The Dream of the Rood, @ A The Wanderer, @ Riddles (handouts)
- 30: *Beowulf*
- Sept. 6: **1066-1300 or When They Wrote in French in England**  
*The Lais of Marie de France*
- 13: Chrétien de Troyes, *The Knight of the Cart* and *The Knight with the Lion*  
**Paper #1**
- 20: **Middle English: Romance**  
*Sir Orfeo*, *The Weddyng of Syr Gawen and Dame Ragnell* (in Shepherd)  
Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Wife of Bath's Tale*
- 27: *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
- October 4: *Medieval English Lyrics*, # 1, 5, 17, 25, 110, 113, 118, 122, 124, 125, 127, 132
- 11: **Middle English: Spirituality**  
Margery Kempe, Chapters 1-16, 18, 46-54, 79-81  
Julian of Norwich, Chapters 1-10, 22-25, 29-30, 51, 54, 59-66
- 18: Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Prioress's Tale*  
**Midterm Exam**
- 25: *Pearl*
- 26-27: *Beowulf* Conference
- Nov. 1: *Piers Plowman*, Vision 1, pp. 1-41  
**Paper #2**
- 8: Medieval Feast  
*Medieval English Lyrics*, # 42, 52, 54, 63, 70, 73, 79

- 15: **Middle English: Thomas Malory, *Le Morte D'Arthur***  
Malory, AThe Tale of King Arthur, @ pp. 1-110
- 29: Malory, ASir Launcelot du Lake@ and ASir Gareth of Orkney,@ pp. 147-226
- Dec. 6: Malory, ASir Launcelot and Queen Quinevere@ and AMorte Arthur,@ pp. 609-726
- 13: **Final Exam**

### **Course Requirements and Grading**

Final grades will be determined on a 100-point scale:

Midterm Exam	20 points
Two Papers	40 points
Final Exam	30 points
Participation	10 points

**Course Grade:** A= 91-100; B= 82-90.99; C= 73-81.99; D = 65-72.99; F = below 65

**Exams.** The exams will combine essays and identifications. I will distribute study sheets in advance of each exam.

### **Course/University Policies**

**Honor Policy.** Education is founded on trust. Should you cheat and I find out about it, you can expect to fail the course. The University may take additional action.

**Plagiarism.** If you use other people's words or ideas without citing your sources and indicating when you have quoted, you risk failing an assignment or even the course depending on how serious I deem the offense. If you are not sure what plagiarism is, or whether a particular use of language is plagiarism, ask me before you turn in an assignment.

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